



FEDERAL GRANT MATCHING INCENTIVE GUIDELINES

Introduction

The Indiana Finance Authority (“Authority”) administers what is commonly referred to as the Indiana Brownfields Program and the Indiana Brownfields Fund. The Authority is establishing the Federal Grant Matching Incentive (“Match Incentive”) to provide financial assistance to Political Subdivisions in furtherance of the statutory purposes of the Indiana Brownfields Program and Fund.

Federal agencies, principally the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), provide grants to eligible entities engaged in brownfields redevelopment activities. Activities that may be conducted with EPA funds include environmental assessment and remediation, site inventories, and environmental job training. EPA grants are awarded through a competitive process, wherein applicants are (i) required to provide matching funds, (ii) rewarded when they provide matching funds, or both.

Purpose

Successful brownfield redevelopment projects involve public and private partners that invest technical and financial resources to leverage additional resources from others. The goal of the Match Incentive is to increase the competitive standing, that is, the “win rate”, of Indiana’s cities, towns, counties as well as other Indiana governments, including State agencies, that seek Federal financial assistance for brownfields redevelopment. The Authority is providing the Match Incentive to enable Political Subdivisions to leverage additional Federal resources for brownfields redevelopment projects.

Obtaining Match Incentive Assistance

Indiana Political Subdivisions (“Applicants”) are encouraged to identify the Match Incentive as a *pre-committed* source of matching funds in their Federal brownfields grant application(s). The amount of the match, based on the type of Federal grant being pursued, is described in Exhibit A to these guidelines.

Applicants that apply for EPA brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants are required to include an acknowledgement letter from the “State or Tribal Environmental Authority” in their application packages. Although the Match Incentive does not require a Letter of Intent, a request for an acknowledgement letter will serve as notification to the Program of a pending application for federal funding.

Through the end of State Fiscal Year 2006, up to \$2.0 million from the Indiana Brownfields Fund will be reserved for Match Incentive purposes. The Program will monitor the demand for Match Incentive commitments through the notification process and other communications with potential Applicants and will adjust the Match Incentive reserve accordingly.

In some instances, as noted in Exhibit A, Applicants must also provide a nominal local match.

If the Applicant receives a Federal award, the Program will fully document the Match Incentive commitment with a suitable financial assistance agreement. The Program will disburse funds to each Applicant in the amount of the commitment and in a similar time and manner as the Applicant's related Federal disbursement.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Program welcomes comments on the Match Incentive. Questions regarding these guidelines or the Match Incentive should be directed to Sara Westrick Corbin at swestrick@ifa.in.gov or (317) 234-1688. These guidelines may be modified by the Indiana Finance Authority Board at any time to promote the effective and efficient administration of the Indiana Brownfields Program.

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EXHIBIT A – MATCH INCENTIVE AWARD SCHEDULE

USEPA GRANT TYPE	Assessment Grants	Revolving Loan Fund Grants	Cleanup Grants
<i>Federal Grant Information</i>			
Max Federal Gov't Award: Site/Entity Minimum Required Match: Site/Entity	\$200,000 / \$400,000 N/A / N/A	N/A / \$1,000,000 N/A / 20%	\$200,000 / \$1,000,000 20% / 20%
<i>Indiana FGMI Award Information</i>			
FGMI Automatic Match Award: Site/Entity	15% / 15%	N/A / 20%	20% / 20%
Local Match Required	0%	5%	5%
TOTAL INDIANA MATCH COMMITMENT	15%	25%	25%

Note: Information provided regarding federal grant information is subject to change. Indiana Applicants should rely only on published USEPA material for the most timely and accurate information.